GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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VICTIMS OF RAPES
RENUKA CHOWDHURY;SHANKAR PRASAD JAISWAL

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government was drawn to the statement of the Chief Justice of India at the Judicial Colloquia organised by the National Judicial Academy of India on September 5, 2001, calling upon Judges to ensure that victims of rapes and other such indignities are not subjected to further indignities at trail stage;

(b) whether any special courts are proposed to be set to try such cases and special procedures for their trail has been/ is being evolved in the light of CJI`s observations: and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) : Yes, Madam/Sir.

(b) & (c): On 5th September, 2001 training part of Indo-British Training Project on `Gender & Law` was launched by the then Hon`ble Chief Justice of India.Thereafter, fifteen 3-days judicial colloquia on `Gender & Law` were organised by the National Judicial Academy at 13 different places of India, covering almost every part of the country and all the High Courts, from 29th September, 2001 to 29th December, 2001. These colloquia were inaugurated by the Hon`ble Chief Justice of the concerned High Court and its valedictory and other sessions were chaired by senior-most Hon`ble Judges of the respective High Courts.During these colloquia, about 835 judicial officers were trained on how to deal with cases concerning gender laws and they were asked to disseminate the experience gained by them among other judicial officers of their States. Resource pack containing message dated 25th September, 2001 of the then Hon`ble Chief Justice of India, suggesting effective practice and procedures to be followed by the Judicial Officers during the trial of rape or other sexual abuse cases, was also widely circulated and discussed among judicial officers and participants to the above judicial colloquia.

However, as per information available, Women Courts have been constituted in the States of Andhra Pradesh (3),Karnataka (4), Rajasthan (4) and NCT of Delhi (6).